

City Church Dublin Child Safeguarding Statement

City Church Dublin operates under the auspices of Irish Church Missions, an Anglican mission organisation aligned with the Church of Ireland.

City Church provides religious, educational and recreational activities and services to children under 18 years of age through its local churches.

City Church acknowledges its duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice that reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice.

City Church is committed to safeguarding children by working under the guidance of the Church of Ireland's national safeguarding policy *Safeguarding Trust* and its associated procedures. City Church recognises that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. The church elders, staff and volunteers are committed to ensuring that all children have a positive experience in a safe and child centred environment and are protected from abuse whilst participating in activities.

City Church has conducted a specific written risk assessment of any potential for harm to a child through their involvement in church activities. The written risk assessment indicates the areas of potential harm, the likelihood of harm occurring, and lists the required policy, guidance, process and practice required to alleviate the risks. Site specific risks, which are in addition to those listed below, have also been documented.

Risks Identified	Policies/ Procedures in Place
Risk of harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child by an elder/ staff member /volunteer /peer;	The Church of Ireland has an extensive child safeguarding policy including a Code of Behaviour and vetting procedures which addresses these risks and are available at https://safeguarding.ireland.anglican.org/child-safeguarding-roi/
Risk of harm (as defined in the CFA 2015) to a child on outings by an elder /staff member /volunteer /stranger /peer;	The Church of Ireland child safeguarding policy addresses these risks and is available at https://safeguarding.ireland.anglican.org/roi-child-safeguarding-part-5/#12
Risk of harm of bullying of a child by an elder/ staff member /volunteer /peer;	The Church of Ireland child safeguarding policy addresses these risks and is available at https://safeguarding.ireland.anglican.org/roi-child-safeguarding-part-4/
Risk of harm (as defined in the CFA 2015) of a child from unauthorised photography;	The Church of Ireland child safeguarding policy addresses these risks and is available at https://safeguarding.ireland.anglican.org/roi-child-safeguarding-part-5/#10
Risk of harm (as defined in the CFA 2015) of a child from online abuse through social media or internet access;	The Church of Ireland child safeguarding policy addresses these risks and is available at https://safeguarding.ireland.anglican.org/roi-child-safeguarding-part-5/#11 and there is further guidance available here .
Allegations made against an elder/ staff member /volunteer /peer;	The Church of Ireland child safeguarding policy outlines the procedures for responding to allegations and these are available at https://safeguarding.ireland.anglican.org/roi-child-safeguarding-part-7/#9

The Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, the Children First: National Guidance, and Túsła's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice.

In addition to the local church risk assessments and the above policies and procedures named, the following procedures are in place at City Church as part of its safeguarding policies and procedures:

- Procedures for the safe recruitment of volunteers or employees to work with children in our services.
- Procedures for provision of and access to child safeguarding training, including the identification and reporting of harm.
- Procedures for reporting child protection and welfare concerns to Túsła and An Garda Síochána.
- Procedures for maintaining a list of persons in each church who are mandated persons.
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person for this child safeguarding statement.

The full Church of Ireland Child Safeguarding Policy is available on the Church of Ireland Safeguarding website at <https://safeguarding.ireland.anglican.org/>.

City Church recognises that implementation is an ongoing process and is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support its intention to keep children safe from harm and the risk of harm. The Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed no later than October 2023 or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

The Relevant Person for this Child Safeguarding Statement is:

Mark Smith, Pastor, City Church Dublin
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Safeguarding Panel Notice

City Church Dublin is committed to uphold good practice in the church's ministry with children and young people.

Should you have a concern, suspicion or allegation regarding child welfare in the church, please contact a member of the City Church Safeguarding Panel by emailing families@citychurchdublin.ie with your concern, or to request the panel members' contact telephone numbers, which are also displayed on site at our Sunday morning services.

Safeguarding Panel members:

1. Mark Smith
2. Philippa Smith
3. Peter Thompson
4. Dorothy Jones (Irish Church Missions Trustee)

The duty social worker or local area manager may be contacted at the local Túsla Child and Family Agency office:

Child and Family Agency,
Dublin North City,
Ballymun Healthcare Facility,
Ballymun Civic Centre,
Dublin 9

Tel. 01 846 7129

In emergency contact the local Garda station:

Store Street Garda Station
4-6 Store Street,
Dublin 1

Tel. 01 666 8000